

Remarks/Arguments

In the Restriction Requirement dated September 4, 2003, the Examiner required restriction between the following groups:

1. Claims 1–16, drawn to a customizable memento, classified in class 40, subclass 1.5.
2. Claims 17–23, drawn to a method of forming a customizable memento, classified in class 156, subclass 64.

In response to this restriction requirement, application hereby elects Group I, claims 1–16, for further prosecution without traverse.

Further, in the Office Action the Examiner determined that the following four embodiments were present in the application:

1. Embodiment 1 drawn to Figures 1–10;
2. Embodiment 2 drawn to Figure 12;
3. Embodiment 3 drawn to Figure 13; and
4. Embodiment 4 drawn to Figures 14A–14E.

In view of the four embodiments indicated by the Examiner, the Examiner has required applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Also, the Examiner requires applicant to identify all of the claims readable on the elected species or embodiment.


In response to the Examiner's requirement to elect a species for further prosecution, applicant hereby elects the species identified as Embodiment 1, illustrated by Figures 1–10 for further prosecution. Upon review of the claims of the application, applicant believes that claims 1, 2, 5–14 and 16 read on the species in Embodiment 1. Claims 3 and 4 are directed to the species identified as Embodiment 2, and claim 15 is directed to the species identified as Embodiments 3 and 4.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the attending to of which would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

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No fees are believed to be due with the submission of this communication. Nevertheless, the Director is authorized to direct any additional fees associated with this or any other communication, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1170.

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